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Subject: Chinese state-linked companies on board of EU's Global Gateway

It was reported¹ by the South China Morning Post that Chinese state-linked companies are on the board of the EU Global Gateway initiative, which is supposed to be the European alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative. China Three Gorges (CTG), a Chinese state-owned enterprise, is the largest shareholder in Energias de Portugal (EDP) – one of the board members that advises the Commission on the initiative. CTG is controlled by the Chinese Government's State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC) and is EDP's biggest shareholder. SASAC 'is an institution that is responsible for carrying out the obligations assigned by the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee', according to Datenna, a Dutch intelligence firm. A French satellite company called Eutelsat also retains Chinese investment.

In the context of de-risking from China:

1. Will the Commission exclude EDP and other Chinese state-linked companies from the Global Gateway initiative?
2. Did it not even conduct a screening or background check of its board members, and how will it mitigate this shortcoming in the future?
3. Has it published the list of board members, companies and organisations involved in the Global Gateway and if not, will it do so?

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¹ <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3239057/eu-includes-companies-linked-beijing-its-global-gateway-board>.